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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

1. A PRIVATE FIRM, COMMONWEALTH WATER CORPORATION, WILL SUPPLY ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF NASSAU'S (NEW PROVIDENCE) WATER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS FROM THE FRESH WATER UNDERGROUND LENS ON THE NORTHERN PART OF ANDROS ISLAND, 25 MILES TO THE WEST. THE \$30 MILLION SCHEME WILL INCLUDE SETTING UP WELL FIELDS ON ANDROS, CONNECTED BY PIPELINES TO A SPECIAL PORT TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF NORTH ANDROS, FROM WHERE THE WATER WILL BE SHIPPED IN TANKERS TO NASSAU. FIVE 5,000 TON TANKERS WILL MAKE TWO TRIPS A DAY BETWEEN ANDROS AND NASSAU. THE WATER WILL BE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT'S WATER CORPORATION (BEING SET UP) UNDER A TWENTY YEAR CONTRACT. THE FIRM HAS SOME, BUT NO ALL OF THE FIVE SHIPS LINED UP. TANKERS BETWEEN 4,000 AND 7,000 TONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. 13 MILES OF 30" PIPELINE (PREFERABLY DUCTILE IRON) IS ALSO REQUIRED.

2. COMMONWEALTH WATER CORPORATION WAS SET UP FOR THIS PROJECT BY INTERESTS IN THE BAHAMAS AND THE US. CONTACTS ARE: (1) MR. CURZON DOBELL, CONSULTING CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND ONE OF THE PRINCIPALS IN NASSAU. ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 643, PASSAU, BAHAMAS. TELEPHONE: A/C 809-324-1515 CABLE: DOBELL, NASSAU. (2) MR. FRANK RIESS, AMERICAN MARINE CORPORATION (US PARTNER), P.O. BOX 8126, NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70182. TELEPHONE A/C 504-242-5200.

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